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Whereas, The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail was established by Congress in 1978 and extended to the West from Wood River, Illinois, to the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon and Washington;

Whereas, Section 343 of Public Law 110-229, enacted by the Congress of the United States in 2008, directed the National Park Service to conduct a Special Resources Study to assess the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail by including the Eastern Legacy sites, the historic routes and sites in the East that were vital to the preparation and planning of the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery Expedition;

Whereas, Extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail eastward fulfills the objectives of the National Trails System, established in 1968, to provide for the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and to promote the preservation of public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the nation;

Whereas, Stephen Ambrose wrote in his book, Undaunted Courage, "Lewis tied up at Clarksville and set off to meet his partner, who was living with his older brother, General



George Rogers Clark. When they shook hands, the Lewis and Clark Expedition began.";

Whereas, Lewis and Clark recruited and enlisted the first members of the Corps of Discovery before departing down the Ohio River for the West from Clarksville on October 26, 1803;

Whereas, William Bratton of Waynetown, Montgomery County, joined the Expedition near Clarksville and completed the entire journey serving as a hunter, blacksmith, and saltmaker; and

Whereas, Tourism is an important part of Indiana's economy, and completing the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include Eastern Legacy sites such as Indiana's Falls of the Ohio would greatly benefit the tourism industry and overall economy of the state:
Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. The National Park Service in the United States
- 2 Department of the Interior is hereby urged and petitioned to
- 3 expeditiously complete, and provide to Congress, the Eastern Legacy
- 4 Special Resource Study.
- 5 SECTION 2. The report of the Eastern Legacy Special Resource
- 6 Study shall include a recommendation that the Lewis and Clark
- 7 National Historic Trail be extended to the east by inclusion of the
- 8 historically significant eastern corridors of the Corps of Discovery
- 9 expedition for the period of 1803 through 1809.
- 10 SECTION 3. Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives
- 11 transmit a copy of this resolution to each member of the Indiana
- 12 Congressional delegation, Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the National
- 13 Park Service, and Cameron H. Sholly, Regional Director, Midwest
- 14 Region of the National Park Service.

